

LEFT TO BONAPARTE

Must Decide on Weight of New Battleships.

BOARDS UNABLE TO AGREE

General Board, Headed by Dewey, Wants Vessels of 18,000 Tons Displacement, But Board of Construction Favors Ships of Lighter Weight.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Whether the President shall be requested to recommend to Congress the authorization of battleships displacing \$18,000, instead of 16,000 tons rests with Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte, who has before him the conflicting reports of the general board of the navy and the board of construction.

The former, of which Admiral Dewey is president, consists of the Chief of Bureau of Navigation, the president of the naval college, the chief intelligence officer and four other line officers. The Board of Construction is composed of the chiefs of the bureaus of steam engineering, equipment, ordnance and construction, and repairs and in the event of a tie vote, the chief of the bureau of navigation.

Great Britain having ordered the building of a battleship displacing on trial 18,000 tons, the Dreadnaught, as an experiment, the general board is in favor of the American navy following suit by building three new battleships of 18,000 tons and by increasing the tonnage of the two battleships authorized at the last Congress, the South Carolina and Michigan, from 16,000 to 18,000 tons. In addition the general board asks for three scout cruisers, gunboats and additional torpedo boats and destroyers.

The Board of Construction in its report to the secretary disapproves of the first item of the general board's program, the authorization of 18,000 ton battleships or the increase of the tonnage of the two battleships already authorized to that figure. The board is in favor of a homogenous building program.

It believes the 18,000 ton ship is at best an experiment and that tonnage increases but little the fighting efficiency. On the ground that the 16,000 tons battleship is, all things considered, the more formidable and effective man of war, the board urges that the battleships to be authorized at this Congress, be of this type and recommends that the South Carolina and Michigan be built as authorized, or 16,000 tons trial displacement.

Because they believe battleships to be the paramount need of the navy today and are not hopeful that Congress will authorize a large building program the committee on construction urges that the department's efforts be concentrated to obtain three battleships of 16,000 tons and if possible three scout cruisers. The board is in favor of waiving at this session of Congress the request for additional torpedo craft and gunboats.

THE KING OF GREECE.

King George Exemplifies the Saying Concerning His Country.

The king of Greece is said to be planning an official visit to England in the early part of November. On his way to London he will spend a few days in Paris. During his stay in England his majesty will be the guest of King Edward and Queen Alexandra, who is the sister of the Greek monarch. Many good stories are told of the unconventionality of King George, who is one of the most democratic monarchs in the world. He gives audiences to all classes of the community. "As George," said a democrat who once called upon his majesty, "I love no man better than you; but I do not like you as a king. I am against the system of monarchy." The king smiled. "I should," he replied, "be most happy to be here as president." Mr. Choate, the former American ambassador to England, after a visit to Greece, spoke of him as the president-king. His majesty moves about Athens as one of the people. On several occasions when his match-box has become empty he has appealed to passers by to give him a light for his cigar, and he obliges others in similar difficulties. Every Easter morning he visits the barracks and pledges one toast with the soldiers, clinking his glass with theirs.

He never has an escort when he drives or walks out. "I have no need for protection," he explains when the subject is mentioned, and anyone who knows the close relations which exist between the Greek people and their king will

endorse the claim. He is generally to be seen walking with his youngest daughter, just as in earlier years the companion of his short travels was his eldest daughter, the Princess Alexandra, whose death was the heaviest blow of his life. The secret of remaining youthful looking, which seems to be an especial privilege of the Danish royal family, is shared by King George, whose 59 years sit very lightly upon him. His methodical habits are in his favor. When at home he is always in the office which is specially set apart for his 9 o'clock strikes, and his first duty is to may out the work which he intends to get through during the day. He usually gives audiences in the morning. His majesty observes the same regularity while he is abroad.

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